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PREDATORY LENDING TRAINING June 10, 2002

Home Ownership Preservation Project @ (312) 347-8304

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LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS as of April 15, 2002:

Size of Family Unit	Total Income (Before Taxes) Per Month	Total Income (Before Taxes) Per Year
1 person	\$1,108	\$13,296
2 persons	1,493	17,914
3 persons	1,877	22,524
4 persons	2,262	27,144
5 persons	2,647	31,764

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LAFMC & HOPP Income Guidelines (as of 4/15/02)

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1	0	-	1,108	1,109	→	3,175
2	0	→	1,493	1,494	→	3,625
3	0	-	1,877	1,878	→	4,079
4	0	→	2,262	2,263	-	4,533
5	0	→	2,647	2,648	-	4,896
6	0	→	3,032	3,033	-	5,258
7	0	→	3,418	3,419	-	5,621
8	0	>	3,803	3,804	→	5,983

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CHECKLIST FOR IDENTIFYING A PREDATORY LOAN

Marketing & Sales Aggressive solicitations of targeted neighborhoods Steering to high rate lenders Door-to-door solicitation of home improvement or financing arranged by contractor Incomplete or inadequate home improvement work Large fees or kickbacks paid to the mortgage broker Making loans to mentally incapacitated homeowners Paying off low-rate mortgages Shifting unsecured debt into mortgages Loans in excess of 100% LTV 9 The Application Falsifying loan applications (particularly regarding income level) 10 Forged signatures 11 Adding insincere co-signers The Loan 13 High interest rate (APR) 14 High fees and closing costs 15 Balloon payments Negative amortization 16 Inflated appraisal costs 17 Padded recording fees 18 19 Bogus broker fees Back-dating of documents 20 21 Charging for duplicative services Requiring credit insurance 22 23 Mandatory arbitration clauses 24 Making an unaffordable loan based on the value of the property The Closing 25 Rushed loan closing Terms at closing different from what the borrowers thought they would get 26 After Closing Multiple refinancing or "flipping" (often after high-pressure sales) 27 Excessive late fees (including daily interest) 28

Abusive collection practices

Excessive prepayment penalties

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LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO - FORECLOSURE INTAKE OUESTIONNAIRE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION Referred by: Name: Property address: Principal residence? If not, where do you live? Who lives in the home with you? Single family home? Multi unit building? If so, how many units? If a multi unit building, how many units are rented? Rental income? Current household income? When did you purchase the property/How long have you lived there? Purchase price? Name(s) on the title? Original mortgage amount? Monthly payments? Existing mortgage amount? Current monthly payment amount? Does your monthly mortgage payment include taxes and insurance? If you must pay your own taxes, have you made every payment? When is the last time you paid your taxes? When was the last time you paid your insurance? Current on mortgage payments?

Last time made payment to mortgage company?

Last time payment accepted by mortgage company?

Reason fell behind (if applicable).

If you are behind in your payments, do you have any money set aside? How much?

Do you have a second mortgage on the property (how many mortgage payments are you supposed to make every month)?

If you have a second mortgage, is it current? When did you obtain it? For what reason? For how much? Who is the lender?

How much is your house worth today?

CREDIT HISTORY

Are you current on your utility bills?

Do you have debt, other than your mortgage? (car loan, personal loan, medical bills etc.)

Before you refinanced your loan, did you stay current on your monthly mortgage payments?

Have you ever filed bankruptcy? If so, when? Chapter 7 or Chapter 13? If Chapter 13, how much are your monthly bankruptcy payments? Are you current in your bankruptcy payments?

MORTGAGE HISTORY

Have you refinanced the original mortgage?

How many times?

Last time refinanced?

For each refinancing starting with the most recent loan transaction:

When did you obtain the loan?

What was the amount of the loan?

Did you get any cash from the transaction?

Who was the original lender?

Was there a broker involved? Name of the broker for each transaction?

Reason for refinancing? i.e. home repairs, pay tax arrearage, pay other bills, lower monthly payment,

If you obtained loan to make home repairs, name of home repair company used to do work?

What repairs were they supposed to do?

Did they complete the repairs satisfactorily? Explain.

How did you come to contact the repair company? i.e. response to mail solicitation, door to door solicitation, phone call.

Did you sign a home repair contract?

Were you given a copy?

Did the home repair company refer you to the lender/mortgage broker to obtain the money to pay for the work?

How did you come to contact this specific lender/broker. i.e. referral from a friend/relative, mail solicitation, phone solicitation. door to door solicitation?

How many times did you meet with the broker/lender prior to closing the loan?

What was told to you by the broker/lender about the terms of your proposed loan (i.e. fixed rate, adjustable rate, interest rate, monthly payment amount, balloon payments) at the time of your initial application?

What was told to you by the broker/lender about the terms of your loan at the time of the loan closing?

What was your income at time you refinanced? Has there been a change in your income?

Did your monthly mortgage payment include taxes and insurance?

As a result of the refinancing, did your payments increase or decrease from your previous mortgage payments? By how much?

STATUS OF COURT CASE

Have you received court papers? When did you first receive court papers?

Have you filed an appearance? Have you filed an answer?

Have you been to court? When? Next court date?

Identifying a Predatory Loan: Document Review Checklist

1. What do you look at?

You can get most of what you need from the following five loan documents:

- (1) TILA Disclosure
- (2) Notice of Right to Cancel
- (3) HUD-1 or HUD-1A Settlement Statement
- (4) Section 32 (or "HOEPA") Notice
- (5) Mortgage Note

(nb: In some cases another important document is the loan application—if, for example, from talking to the client, there appears to be a "bait-and-switch" on the interest rate and/or loan amount, or if it appears that there is falsified income.)

2. What do you look for?

Violations of the following federal and state laws may entitle the borrower to a substantial reduction in the amount they owe on a refinance or home equity loan.

Federal laws

TILA (Truth in Lending Act):

- (1) Does the TILA Disclosure accurately and conspicuously display the APR, Finance Charge, Amount Financed, Total of Payments, and Payment Schedule?
- (2) Do the numbers add up? (Do the payments listed under the Payment Schedule add up to the Total of Payments? Do the Finance Charge and Amount Financed add up to the Total of Payments?)
- (3) Did the lender provide a (3-day) Notice of Right to Cancel, with the proper end-date written in?

HOEPA (Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act):

- (1) Is the loan covered by HOEPA? To be covered by HOEPA, the loan must exceed either the APR threshold or the fees threshold. APR threshold: Is the APR is more than 10% above applicable T-bill rate from the 15th of the month before the date of the loan application? (If APR is above 15%, check T-bill rates.) Fees threshold: Do HOEPA fees total more than 8% of the "total loan amount" (defined as the Amount Financed)? HOEPA fees include fees paid to the lender or broker, plus any non-bona fide (junk) fees or unreasonable charges (e.g., appraisal fee over \$400 or credit report over \$15).
- (2) If the loan is covered by HOEPA, did the lender give the required Section 32 Notice three days prior to the closing of the loan?

(3) If the loan is covered by HOEPA, does it include a prohibited term? These include prepayment penalties after five years, an interest rate increase upon default, and balloon payments on loans of less than five years.

RESPA (Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act):

- (1) Does the HUD-1 or HUD-1A show a yield-spread premium (or "YSP") paid to a broker?
- (2) If so, is there also a separate broker fee listed? If it is substantial (e.g., \$1,000 or more), than the yield-spread premium may be an illegal kickback.

State laws

Illinois anti-predatory lending regulations:

- (1) Is the lender covered by the regs? (See Regulators of Mortgage Lenders Operating in Illinois and Contact Information/Key Internet Links.)
- (2) If so, is the loan covered by the regs? Was the loan signed on or after May 17, 2001?
- (3) Is the loan covered by HOEPA? To be covered by HOEPA, the loan must exceed either the APR threshold or the fees threshold. APR threshold: Is the APR is more than 6% above applicable T-bill rate from the 15th of the month before the date of the loan application? (If APR is above 11%, check T-bill rates.) Fees threshold: Do fees total more than 5% of the "total loan amount" (defined as the Amount Financed)? Fees include fees paid to the lender or broker (including yield-spread premium and single-premium credit insurance), plus any non-bona fide (junk) fees or unreasonable charges (e.g., appraisal fee over \$400 or credit report over \$15).
- (4) If the loan is covered by the regs, does it include prohibited fees? Fees financed by the loan cannot exceed 6%.
- (5) If the loan is covered by the regs, does it include prohibited terms? These include prepayment penalties after three years, single-premium credit insurance, and balloon payments on loans of less than fifteen years. (See Overview of Illinois Anti-Predatory Lending State Regulations and Provisions.)

Illinois Interest Act:

- (1) Is the loan a junior lien (a second mortgage or a home equity loan taken out after a mortgage)?
- (2) If so, does the loan have an interest rate higher than 8% and lender fees above 3% of the principal amount?

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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CANCEL

Loan Number:

EZ-AS-123

Date:

June 11, 2001

Borrowers:

John and Jane Doe

111 W. Main, Anytown, USA

Property Address:

YOUR RIGHT TO CANCEL:

You are entering into a transaction that will result in a mortgage, lien, or security interest on/in your home. You have a legal right under federal law to cancel this transaction, without cost, within THREE BUSINESS DAYS from whichever of the following events occurs last:

1. the date of the transaction, which is

June 11, 2001

2. the date you receive your Truth in Lending disclosures; or 3. the date you receive this notice of your right to cancel.

If you cancel the transaction, the mortgage, iten, or security interest is also cancelled. Within 20 CALENDAR DAYS after we receive your notice, we must take the steps necessary to reflect the fact that the mortgage, iten, or security interest on/in your home has been cancelled, and we must return to you any money or property you have given to us or to anyone else in connection with this transaction.

You may keep any money or property we have given you until we have done the things mentioned above, but you must then offer to return the money or property. If it is impractical or unfair for you to return the property, you must offer its reasonable value. You may offer to return the property at your home or at the location of the property. Money must be returned to the address below. If we do not take possession of the money or property within 20 CALENDAR DAYS of your offer, you may there is without a without a state of the possession of the money or property within 20 CALENDAR DAYS. keep it without further obligation.

HOW TO CANCEL:

If you decide to cancel this transaction, you may do so by notifying us in writing,

Name of Creditor:

LOANS 'R US

111 W. Commerce

Capital Heights, USA

Date

You may use any written statement that is signed and dated by you and states your intention to cancel, or you may use this notice by dating and signing below. Keep one copy of this notice because it contains important information about your rights.

If you cancel by mail or telegram, you must send a notice no later than midnight of June 14, 2001 (or midnight of the THIRD BUSINESS DAY following the latest of the three events listed above.) If you send or deliver your written notice to cancel some other way, it must be delivered to the above address no later than that time.

I WISH TO CANCEL

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Settlement Statement U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Optional Form for Transactions without Sellers

Name & Address of Borrower: John and Jane Doe 111 W. Main	Loens	Address of Lender: 'R Us /. Commerce	
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Optional Form for Transactions without Sellers

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FEDERAL TRUTH-IN-LENDING DISCLOSURE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 226.32 OF REGULATION Z (SECTION 32 NOTICE)

Borrower(s) and Property Address:

Lender:

Loans 'R Us

	111 W. Commerce	
	Capital Heights, USA	John and Jane Doe
		111 W. Main
Loan No.:	EZ-AS-123	Anytown, USA
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Loan No.: EZ-AS-123 June 11, 2001

MORTGAGE NOTE

111 W. Main, Anvtown, USA [Property Address]

1. BORROWER'S PROMISE TO PAY

In return for a loan that I have received and which is secured by the above-listed property, I promise to pay U.S. \$ 60.000.00 (this amount is called "principal"), plus interest, to the order of the Lender. The Lender is Loans 'R Us. I understand that the Lender or anyone who takes this Note by transfer and who is entitled to receive payments under this Note is called the "Note Holder."

2. INTEREST

Interest will be charged on unpaid principal until the full amount of the principal has been paid. Interest will be calculated on the basis of a 12-month year and a 30-day month. I will pay interest at a yearly rate of 12.5%.

3. PAYMENTS

(A) Time and Place of Payments

I will pay principal and interest by making payments every month.

I will make my monthly payments on the first day of each month beginning on <u>lulv 1. 2001</u>. I will make these payments every month until I have paid all of the principal and interest and any other charges described below that I may owe under this Note. My monthly payments will be applied to interest before principal. If, on <u>lune 1. 2011</u>, I still owe amounts under this Note, I will pay those amounts in full on that date, which is called the "Maturity Date."

I will make payments at <u>Loans 'R Us. 111 W. Commerce, Capital Heights, USA</u> or at a different place if required by the Note Holder.

(B) Amount of My Monthly Payments

My regular monthly payments will be in the amount of U.S. \$ 739.51. My final payment will be a balloon payment in the amount of U.S. \$ 33.263.29.

(C) Application of Payments

Payments received by the Note Holder will be applied in the following order: (I) prepayment charges due under this Note; (ii) interest due under this Note; (iii) principal due under this Note; and (iv) late charges due under this Note.

4. BORROWER'S RIGHT TO PREPAY

I have the right to make payments of principal at any time before they are due, together with accrued interest. A payment of principal only is known as a "prepayment."

If within 48 months from the date of execution of the Security Instrument I make a full prepayment or a partial prepayment as described herein. I will at the same time pay the Note Holder a prepayment charge. The prepayment charge will be equal to six (6) months advance interest on the amount of any prepayment which exceeds twenty percent (20%) of the original principal amount of this Note.

5. BORROWER'S FAILURE TO PAY AS REQUIRED

(A) Late Charges for Overdue Payments

If the Note Holder has not received the full amount of any monthly payment by the end of 15 calendar days after the date it is due, I will pay a late charge to the Note Holder. The amount of the charge will be 5.0%

of my overdue payment of principal and interest. I will pay this late charge only once on each late payment.

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(B) Default

If I do not pay the full amount of each monthly payment on the date it is due, I will be in default. If I am in default, the Note Holder may require me to pay immediately the full amount of principal which has not been paid and all interest that I owe on that amount, together with any other charges that I owe under this Note or the Security Instrument. If any default continues for a period of thirty (30) days or more, I will pay interest at a rate of 15.5% until such time as any outstanding default is fully cured.

6. HAZARD OR PROPERTY INSURANCE

Unless I provide Note Holder with evidence of the insurance coverage required by my agreement with Note Holder, Note Holder may purchase insurance at my expense to protect Note Holder's interest in my collateral. This insurance may, but need not, protect my interests. The coverage that Note Holder purchases may not pay any claim that I make or any claim that is made against me in connection with the collateral. If Note Holder purchases insurance for the collateral, I will be responsible for the costs of that insurance, including interest and any other charges Note Holder may impose in connection with the placement of the insurance.

7. SECURED NOTE

In addition to the protections given to the Note Holder under this Note, a Mortgage, Deed of Trust or Security Deed (the "Security Instrument"), dated the same date as this Note, protects the Note Holder from possible losses which might result if I do not keep the promises that I make in this Note. That Security Instrument describes how and under what conditions I may be required to make immediate payment in full of all amounts I owe under this Note.

Borrower	Date	
Borrower	Date	

WITNESS THE HAND(S) AND SEAL(S) OF THE UNDERSIGNED.

U.S. Government Securities 30-year Treasury Constant Maturities¹

11/1989	7.90	10/1993	5.94	09/1997	6.50	
12/1989	7.90	11/1993	6.21	10/1997	6.33	
01/1990	8.26	12/1993	6.25	11/1997	6.11	
02/1990		01/1994	6.29	11/1997	5.99	
03/1990		02/1994	6.49	01/1998		
04/1990		03/1994	6.91	02/1998	5.81 5.89	•••
05/1990		04/1994	7.27	03/1998	5.95	·
06/1990	8.46	05/1994	7.41	04/1998	5.92	
07/1990	8.50	06/1994	7.40	05/1998	5.93	
08/1990	8.86	07/1994	7.58	06/1998	5.70	
09/1990	9.03	08/1994	7.49	07/1998	5.68	
10/1990	8.86	09/1994	7.71	08/1998	5.54	
11/1990	8.54	10/1994	7.94	09/1998	5.20	
12/1990	8.24	11/1994	8.08	10/1998	5.01	
01/1991	8.27	12/1994	7.87	11/1998	5.25	
02/1991	8.03	01/1995	7.85	12/1998	5.06	
03/1991	8.29	02/1995	7.61	01/1999	5.16	•
04/1991	8.21	03/1995	7.45	02/1999	5.37	
05/1991	8.27	04/1995	7.36	03/1999	5.58	
06/1991	8.47	05/1995	6.95	04/1999	5.55	
07/1991	8.45	06/1995	6.57	05/1999	5.81	
08/1991	8.14	07/1995	6.72	06/1999	6.04	
09/1991	7.95	08/1995	6.86	07/1999	5.98	
10/1991	7.93	09/1995	6.55	08/1999	6.07	
11/1991	7.92	10/1995	6.37	09/1999	6.07	
12/1991	7.70	11/1995	6.26	10/1999	6.26	
01/1992	7.58	12/1995	6.06	11/1999	6.15	
02/1992	7.85	01/1996	6.05	12/1999	6.35	•
03/1992	7.97	02/1996	6.24	01/2000	6.63	
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05/1992	7.89 7.84	04/1996	6.79	03/2000	6.05	
07/1992	7.60	05/1996	6.93	04/2000	5.85	
08/1992	7.39	06/1996 707/1996	7.06 7.03	05/2000	6.15	
09/1992	7.34	08/1996	6.84	06/2000	5.93	
10/1992	7.53	09/1996	7.03	07/2000 08/2000	5.85	
11/1992	7.61	10/1996	6.81	09/2000	5.72	
12/1992	7.44	11/1996	6.48	10/2000	5.83 5.80	
01/1993	7.34	12/1996	6.55	11/2000	5.78	
02/1993	7.09	01/1997		12/2000	5.78 -5.49	
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05/1993	6.92	04/1997	7.09	03/2001	5.34	
06/1993	6.81	05/1997	6.94	04/2001	5.65	
07/1993	6.63	06/1997	6.77		5.78	
08/1993	6.32	07/1997	6.51	06/2001	5.67	
09/1993	6.00	08/1997	6.58	- 07/2001	5.61	

Monthly release from www.federalreserve.gov/releases/H15/data.htm

HOEPA/Illinois anti-predatory lending regs points and fees analysis

(Example 1)

HOEPA fees include:

Line	Charge	Rationale
801	1,800.00	lender fee
803	600.00	lender fee/unreasonable charge
804	75.00	lender fee/unreasonable charge
807	1,000.00	broker fee
808	400.00	lender fee/junk fee
809	500.00	lender fee/junk fee
810	300.00	lender fee/junk fee
total =	= 4,675.00	

HOEPA fees are 4,675.00. That is the numerator. But how do you get the denominator (Amount Financed)? The answer: Amount Financed = Principal - Prepaid Finance Charge.

Prepaid Finance Charge = all of the above HOEPA fees (including 803 and 804 only because they are unreasonable) + line 901 (prepaid interest of 450.00) = 5,125.00

Principal (60,000.00) - Prepaid Finance Charge (5,125.00) = Amount Financed (54,875.00)

HOEPA fees (4,675.00)/Amount Financed (54,875.00) = 8.5% (covered by HOEPA)

<u>Illinois regs</u> would also include line 811 (yield-spread premium of \$1,000), so for regs the fee calculation would be: 5,675.00/54,875.00 = 10.3% (violates 6% cap).

(Example 2)

This time HOEPA fees total 2,675.00 (line 803 is a reasonable fee paid to a third-party and so is not included as a HOEPA fee.) The Prepaid Finance Charge is 3,125.00, and the Amount Financed (which includes line 803) is 55,075.00. So the HOEPA fees calcuation is: HOEPA fees (2,675.00)/Amount Financed (55,075.00) = 4.9%. This is not a HOEPA loan.

Illinois regs would also include line 811 (yield-spread premium of \$1,000), so for regs the fee calculation would be: 3,675.00/55,075.00 = 6.67% (violates 6% cap).

Regulators of Mortgage Lenders Operating in Illinois

Office of Banks and Real Estate

Independent mortgage and finance companies (e.g., Ameriquest)

Bank-affiliated mortgage and finance companies (e.g., Citifinancial, First Franklin) unless first tier subsidiary of national bank based in Illinois or of federal thrift based in Illinois

State-chartered banks based in Illinois (e.g., Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Northern Trust)

Mortgage brokers

State-chartered thrifts (S&Ls and savings banks, e.g., Hoyne Savings Bank)

Department of Financial Institutions

IL Consumer Installment Loan Act (CILA) licensees (mostly finance companies making smaller consumer loans – but some make mortgages also; possible overlap with licensees of OBRE) (e.g., Household Finance)

State-chartered credit unions

Not regulated by State of Illinois [primary federal regulators in brackets]

National banks (e.g., Bank One NA, LaSalle Bank NA)

[U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency]

Federal saving banks or thrifts (e.g., Washington Mutual FSB, Charter One FSB)
[U.S. Office of Thrift Supervision]

State banks chartered outside of Illinois (e.g., Conseco Bank, chartered in Iowa)
[Federal Reserve Board (if member of Fed) or Federal Deposit Insurance
Corporation]

First-tier mortgage/finance company subsidiaries of national banks based in Illinois [Federal Trade Commission; Office of the Comptroller of the Currency]

First tier mortgage/finance company subsidiary of federal thrifts based in Illinois [Federal Trade Commission; Office of Thrift Supervision]

Nationally chartered credit unions [National Credit Union Administration]

Note: Federal Trade Commission has broad powers over mortgage and finance companies, even those licensed by State of Illinois, especially under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. Also, the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have fair lending investigation and enforcement authority over lenders - especially under the Fair Housing Act. Also, the Illinois Attorney General has broad authority to enforce consumer protection laws.

Lenders are often subject to more than one regulator. Sometimes multiple regulators work cooperatively on the same institution. For example Illinois state-chartered banks are also regulated by the Federal Reserve or the FDIC. The FTC also has jurisdiction over independent and bank-affiliated mortgage companies regulated by OBRE.

Contact Information

State Regulators

Office of Banks and Real Estate

www.obre.state.il.us 310 South Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60604 312-793-3000

Mortgage Banking Division 312-793-1409

Department of Financial Institutions

www.state.il.us/dfi 100 West Randolph St., Suite 15-700 Chicago, IL 60601 312-814-2000 Consumer Credit Division 312-814-5145

Federal Bank Regulators

Federal Reserve Bank www.federalreserve.gov

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago 230 South LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60604 312-322-5322 - Community Affairs Division Harry Pestine

312-322-5877 www.chicagofed.org

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

www.fdic.gov Chicago Regional Office Division of Compliance and Consumer Affairs 500 West Monroe Street, Suite 3300 312-382-7500

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Office of the Comp www.occ.treas.gov Central District Office
One Financial Place, Suite 2700
440 South LaSalle Street

Chicago, IL 60605 312-360-8800

Consumer Affairs

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Office of Thrift Supervision

www.ots.treas.gov Chicago Regional Office 1 South Wacker Drive, Suite 2000 Chicago, IL 60606 312-917-5000 Compliance/Consumer Affairs Manager Denni's Mervar 312-917-5067

Other Resources

Illinois Attorney General

www.ag.state.il.us Chicago Office 100 West Randolph Street Chicago, IL 60601 312-814-3000 Consumer Fraud Hotline 800-386-5438

Department of Housing and Urban

Development www.hud.gov Chicago Office 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604 Judith Heany 312-353-5680 www.hud.gov/local/chi/index.html

Federal Trade Commission

www.ftc.gov Midwest Regional Office 55 East Monroe Street, Suite 1860 Chicago, IL 60603-5701 Consumer Complaint Number 877-FTC-HELP (382-4357)

National Credit Union Administration

www.ncua.gov Chicago Regional Office 4225 Naperville Road, Suite 125 Lisle, IL 60532 630-955-4100

U.S. Department of Justice

Paul Ginger www.usdoj.gov

312-360-8876 Civil Rights Division 202-514-4713

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Key Internet Links

Office of Banks and Real Estate Links

Regulated Entities:

www.obre.state.il.us/Regulated Entities/Regulated Entities.htm

Mortgage Licensee List:

www.obre.state.il.us/RESFIN/liclistc.pdf

Regulated Institution Look-up:

www.obre.state.il.us/CBT/REGENTY/Btreg.htm

Regulated Thrift Look-up:

www.obre.state.il.us/RESFIN/2001%20Directory/dr-cover01.htm

Department of Financial Institutions Links

Consumer Installment Loan Act Licensee List:

www.state.il.us/dfi/Licensees.htm

State Chartered Credit Unions:

Not yet available

Other Useful Links

Truth In Lending Act (Regulation Z)

www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx 01/12cfr226 01.html (For HOEPA, see Sec. 226.32)

Federal Consumer Information Center

www.pueblo.gsa.gov (see Housing section)

Other consumer information from the Federal Government www.consumer.gov (see Home & Community section)



NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF CHICAGO INC. 747 NORTH MAY STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60622 (312) 738-2227 Fax (312) 738-2491

Overview of Illinois Anti-Predatory Lending State Regulations and Provisions

In December 2000, Governor Ryan and the two state regulators, the Office of Banks and Real Estate (OBRE) and the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI), introduced anti-predatory lending regulations modeled after the Chicago anti-predatory lending ordinance. The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) approved the regulations on April 17, 2001, and they went into effect May 17, 2001.

The regulations define predatory loans as high cost loans involve one or more of the predatory practices listed below.

Definition of high cost loans

A high cost loan is defined as one that as a high interest rate and/or high fees. An Interest (or, APR) Trigger and a Fee Trigger have been identified.

1.) First Mortgages: The Annual Percentage Rate is the above current yield on Treasury securities of similar term + 6% (Approximately 11.6 % for a 30 year loan, as of July, 2001)

Second Mortgages: The Annual Percentage Rate is is at or above current yield on Treasury securities of similar term + 8% (Approximately 13.6 % for a 30 year loan, as of July, 2001)

- 2.) Fees are 5% of the total loan or \$800 (whichever is greater)
 - Yield spread premiums, or fees paid to brokers by the mortgage lender, are considered part of fees.
 - Single-premium credit insurance is considered part of fees.

List of predatory practices

If a loan meets one of the two triggers, the following practices are prohibited:

- Any prepayment penalty after 3 years of origination
- ◆ Prepayment fees of more than 3% in year 1, 2% in year 2, or 3% in year 3.
- Balloon payments whose term is less than or equal to 15 years
- Flipping (refinancing within 12 months without tangible benefit to borrower)
- Loans not based on the borrower's ability to repay (mortgage payments, insurance, property taxes, and other debt cannot exceed 50% of borrower's monthly income)
- ◆ Financing more than 6% in fees
- Financing single premium credit insurance
- Fraudulent and deceptive practices
- Negative amortization (when loan principal increase because payments only pay off the interest)
- Negative equity (loan amount cannot exceed the equity of the property securing the loan plus 5% in closing costs of the total loan amount)
- Direct payments to home improvement contractors

¹ Date of treasury rate should be 15th day of month preceeding application date.

The regulations require lenders to verify the borrower's ability to repay. (The borrower prepares the statement in a form prescribed by the Commissioner and submits it to the lender).

Other Provisions

The Mortgage Awareness Program (MAP) is created.

- Counselors meet with clients to discuss income, expense statements and terms of loans they are considering
- ◆ Prior to making a loan, the lender must inform the borrower of MAP; borrower can waive MAP
- Upon loan approval, the lender must notify the borrower of the option of a Third Party Review (subject to funding availability at DFI/OBRE)
- If payment is more than 30 days late, the lender must notify the borrower that consumer credit counselors exist and how to get a list of them
- If within 15 days of mailing the notice, a lender is notified in writing by an approved credit counselor that the borrower is seeking counseling, then no legal action may be taken by the lender for 30 days (OBRE Rules do not specify the 15-day time limit)
- If a debt management plan is agreed to and complied with, no legal action may be taken by the lender

The Rules issued by OBRE also include Reporting Requirements.

- Every six months, lenders must report default and foreclosure data on one to four family conventional mortgage loans secured by Illinois real estate. An officer of the lender shall sign the loan.
 - ♦ Lenders must report:
 - Average quarterly dollar amount and number of loans
 - O Average quarterly dollar amount and number of loans in default over 90 days
 - Dollar amount and number of foreclosures on loans completed during reporting period
 - Whether any of the loans were originated less than 18 months before a completed foreclosure
 - Whether any of the loans had a note rate greater than 10 percent for the first lien mortgage loans or greater than 12 percent in the case of a junior lien on a complete foreclosure

Third Party Review (subject to funding availability)

Those approved for high-cost loans must be offered the opportunity for independent review of their loan by OBRE or DFI. Such review will involve:

- OBRE shall provide the borrower with a review of worksheets submitted by the borrower and shall inform the borrower of the amount they can afford to spend on monthly mortgage payments
- OBRE shall review loan information pertaining to balloon payments, adjustable interest rates, etc. and shall inform the borrower of such items
 - Results of the review shall be written report, with signature of the borrower. Copy shall be submitted to the lender prior to closing of loan.
 - If the loan does not make economic sense to the borrower, the reviewer shall make note of this. This will enable the borrower to withdraw from a contemplated loan with no financial penalty.

TILA/HOEPA FEES CHECKLIST

Type of Fee	Is it a Prepaid Finance Charge?	Is it a HOEPA Fee?
loan origination fee	yes¹	yes²
loan discount	yes	yes
appraisal/inspection fee	if not BFR ³	if not BFR or if paid to BLA4
credit report	if not BFR	if not BFR or if paid to BLA
courier/delivery fee	if charged or required by L ⁵	if charged or required by L
tax service fee	yes	yes .
underwriting fee	yes	yes
processing fee	yes	yes
flood cert	if not BFR	if not BFR or if paid to BLA
doc prep fee	if not BFR	if not BFR or if paid to BLA
mortgage broker fee	yes ⁶	yes ⁷
yield spread premium	no ⁸	doubtful ⁹
per diem interest	yes	no
property ins escrow	if not BFR	if not BFR or if paid to BLA
property tax escrow	if not BFR	if not BFR
settlement/closing fee	if not excludable under § 226.4(c)(7) ¹⁰	if not excludable under § 226.4(c)(7)
abstract/title search	if not BFR	if not BFR or if paid to BLA
attorney's fee	if not excludable under § 226.4(c)(7)	if not excludable under § 226.4(c)(7)
title insurance	if not BFR	if not BFR or if paid to BLA
recording fees	if not paid to public officials ¹¹	if not paid to public officials
single premium credit insurance	if not voluntary	if not voluntary (or for loans closed after 09/30/02) ¹²
other charges	see endnotes	see endnotes

Endnotes (notes on how to construe loan charges under 12 C.F.R. §§ 226.4 and 226.32)

- 1. For TILA purposes, the finance charge "includes any charge payable directly or indirectly by the consumer and imposed directly or indirectly by the creditor as an incident to or a condition of the extension of credit." § 226.4(a). Any fee paid to the lender is a finance charge unless specifically excluded under § 226.4(c), (d) or (e).
- 2. Anything that is a prepaid finance charge is also a HOEPA fee, except for prepaid (e.g., per diem) interest. § 226.32(b)(1)(i).
- 3. Many of the fees charged to third parties are excluded from the finance charge under § 226.4(c)(7), which lists 5 categories of real-estate related fees, such as appraisal fees. These fees are excluded from the finance charge if they are "bona fide and reasonable" ("BFR"), i.e., are charges for actual services performed and are not artificially inflated. Otherwise, the inflated portion of the fee is a finance charge. Arguably the whole fee is, based on the plain language of the regulation, but there is no case law to back up this approach.
- 4. The fees listed in § 226.4(c)(7) are counted as HOEPA fees if they are not BFR. They are also counted as HOEPA fees if paid to a broker, lender, or lender affiliate ("BLA"), even if they are bona fide and reasonable.
- 5. Courier fees charged by the lender are counted. Courier fees charged by a third-party closing agent are counted only if required by the lender or if the lender retains a portion of charge. This would be the case if the charge were artificially inflated (e.g., a \$50 charge for a Fed Ex).
- 6. All fees charged by a mortgage broker are finance charges. § 226(a)(3).
- 7. All fees charged by a mortgage broker are HOEPA fees. § 226.32(b)(1)(ii).
- 8. The borrower pays for the yield spread premium ("YSP") out of an increased rate of interest. This amount is not added to principal, like prepaid finance charges; rather, it is captured in the interest portion of the finance charge.
- 9. The language of § 226.32(b)(1)(ii) would seem to say yes ("all compensation paid to mortgage brokers"). But the language of § 226.32(a)(1)(ii), which also applies, is trickier, i.e., is the YSP "payable by the consumer at or before loan closing"? In its Official Commentary, the Federal Reserve Board seems to say no, if not in the clearest of terms. Judge Siebel ruled this way ("no") on 4/11/02, although in another case he has ruled (inconsistently) that inclusion of the YSP as a HOEPA fee is a question of fact.
- 10. The closing fee is included under § 226.4(a)(2) if retained by the lender (which it usually is not) or if the service in question is required by the lender (which it usually is; lenders typically out-source their closings). But this fee can be excluded if it fits one of the exceptions in § 226.4(c)(7). The lender is most likely to argue for subsection (ii), "fees for preparing loan-related documents." But the closing fee must be primarily for an excluded activity, and lenders may not charge for preparing the HUD-1 Settlement Statement or the TILA Disclosure Statement. It's a fact question; the borrower's chances for inclusion in the finance charge are especially good if the lender has imposed a separate doc prep fee.
- 11. Recording fees are excludable under § 226.4(e) to the extent they are actually paid to public officials. Fake or padded amounts are finance charges.
- 12. Lender must meet the notice and signature requirements of § 226.4(d) to demonstrate voluntariness (and the borrower may still have a claim if they say they were forced to sign or did not understand). For loans closed on or after 10/1/02, single credit premiums will be treated as HOEPA fees.